

ABSTRACT of THE DISCLOSURE

In an apparatus for reproducing a DVD 800 in which recorded data and a region code (DC) for restricting the reproduction of the recorded data is recorded, the apparatus is arranged to include a recording means in which a player region code (PC) related to the DC is recorded; an information reading means which reads the PC recorded in the recording means and also reads the DC from the DVD 800 before reproducing the recorded data from the DVD 800; a comparing means which compares the PC with the DC each read from the information reading means; a determination means which determines whether the reproduction of the recorded data is to be allowed or not based on the comparison result of the comparing means; and a control means which stops the reproduction of the recorded data and outputs and displays the DC when the determination means determines that the reproduction of the recorded data is not allowed. The recording means is the memory of the control unit 400. The information reading means is formed by the optical pickup of the reproduction unit 100 and the CPU of the control unit 400. The comparing means and the determination means are formed by the control unit 400. The control means is formed by the control unit 400 and the OSD generation unit 200.